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- 1) DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THOUGHTFUL APPRAISAL IN REFTEL AND AGREES IN GENERAL WITH SUGGESTED APPROACH. IN PARTICULAR, WE FAVOR SUGGESTION OF FLEXIBLE AND INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD NOT INVOLVE FORMAL PROJECT OR UMBRELLA AGREEMENT.
- 2) THE VISITS OF DR. PRESS AND MRS. MINK WILL PROVIDE A VITAL IMPETUS TO THE PROCESS. WE AGREE THAT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS SUGGESTED PARA 6A COULD BE APPROPRIATE AFTER THE VISITS OF DR. PRESS AND MRS. MINK ESTABLISH GROUNDS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR INFORMAL WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS. THESE COULD BE LEGITIMIZED FURTHER BY PLACING S AND T COOPERATION ON AGENDAS OF BILATERAL US-EC CONSULTATIONS IN MAY.

3) WE BELIEVE CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUP

WITH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE AS WELL AS OTHER ALTERNATIVES

SHOULD FOLLOW CAREFUL JOINT DEFINITION OF AREAS OF COOPERATION. WE ARE ACTIVELY DISCUSSING WITHIN US S AND T COMMUNITY THOSE AREAS OF COOPERATION PROPOSED BY EC AND BELIEVE THAT SOLID BASE FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION WILL BE OUTCOME OF MORE DELIBERATE APPROACH DESCRIBED IN THIS CABLE. VANCE

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